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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached PTO-1449. Unless otherwise indicated herein, one copy of each reference is attached. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner return an initialed copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 to Applicants with the next Office communication to indicate that the references have been considered, per MPEP § 609.

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The reference was cited in a counterpart foreign application in the attached European Communication (Search Report) issued February 23, 2004, i.e. not more than three months ago. An English language version of the foreign communication is attached for the Examiner's information. Both the European Communication are relied upon to satisfy the requirement of a statement of relevance for the attached references. The undersigned respectfully notes that copies of U.S. references are not required in applications filed after June 30, 2003.

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